

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claim 1. (currently amended) A purified and isolated catalytic domain from a  $\beta$ (1,4)-galactosyltransferase I consisting of SEQ ID NO: 6, and comprising a conservative amino acid exchange at amino acid position 344, wherein the catalytic domain that catalyzes formation of galactose-  $\beta$ (1,4)-N- acetylglucosamine bond in the presence of magnesium.

Claim 2. (original) The catalytic domain according to claim 1, wherein the rate of formation of the galactose-  $\beta$ (1,4)-N-acetylglucosamine bond is at least two-fold, five-fold, ten-fold, or one hundred-fold greater than wild-type  $\beta$ (1,4)-galactosyltransferase I in the presence of magnesium.

Claim 3. (cancelled)

Claim 4. (original) The catalytic domain of claim 1, wherein histidine is exchanged for methionine at an amino acid position corresponding to amino acid position 344 of SEQ ID NO: 6.

Claim 5. (original) The catalytic domain according to claim 1, further comprising a conservative amino acid substitution at an amino acid position corresponding to amino acid position 342 of SEQ ID NO: 6.

Claim 6. (original) The catalytic domain according to claim 5, wherein threonine is exchanged for cysteine at amino acid position 342.

Claim 7. (original) A polypeptide comprising the catalytic domain according to claim 1.

Claims 8 - 14. (cancelled)

Claim 15. (currently amended) A purified and isolated catalytic domain from a  $\beta$ (1,4)-galactosyltransferase I consisting of SEQ ID NO: 6, and comprising a

conservative amino acid exchange at amino acid position 344, wherein the catalytic domain, that catalyzes formation of an N-acetylgalactosamine-  $\beta$ (1,4)-N-acetylglucosamine bond in the presence of magnesium.

Claims 16 - 21. (cancelled)

Claim 22. (previously presented) A purified and isolated catalytic domain from  $\beta$ (1,4)-galactosyltransferase I of claim 15 wherein the domain catalyzes formation of an N-acetylgalactosamine-  $\beta$ (1,4)-glucose bond in the presence of  $\alpha$ -lactalbumin and magnesium.

Claims 23 - 27. (cancelled)

Claim 28. (original) A polypeptide comprising the catalytic domain according to claim 22.

Claims 29 - 47. (cancelled)

Claim 48. (currently amended) A polypeptide comprising the catalytic domain according to claim 1543.

Claims 49 - 95. (cancelled)

Claim 96. (new) The catalytic domain according to claim 15, wherein histidine is exchanged for methionine at an amino acid position corresponding to amino acid position 344 of SEQ ID NO: 6.

Claim 97. (new) The catalytic domain according to claim 15, further comprising a conservative amino acid substitution at an amino acid position corresponding to amino acid position 342 of SEQ ID NO: 6.

Claim 98. (new) The catalytic domain according to claim 96, wherein threonine is exchanged for cysteine at amino acid position 342.